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Joshua Tree C. of C. Making Big Strides

P.T.A. Hears School Plans

The monthly meeting of the Joshua Tree PTA Tuesday evening listened to O. D. Thomas discuss our school problems and outline the steps necessary to bring about the improvements necessary.

Monday O. D. Thomas, Col. Gerald McMillen and Mrs. Vesta Lafferty attended the County Council and visited the County School Superintendent's office to present the school housing problem here and to become familiar with the necessary steps to be taken to secure proper facilities for our growing school population.

Principal J. P. White, Twenty-nine Palms, was present to remind the PTA of the coming school board election on May 16 and gave assurance that everything possible was being done to secure more school buildings in this district for the coming year.

New officers appointed to fill vacancies created by resignations were: Mrs. Leola Rundall, vice-president; Mrs. Jean Rees, secretary; and Mrs. Marian Biggs, parliamentarian.

The over the weekend membership drive resulted in forty-four new members, and raised the total membership to one hundred and twenty.

District President Visits Here

Mrs. Elsie Larkin, 25th district President of the American Legion Auxillary and Mrs. Irene Menard, secretary, were guests at the Joshua Tree Unit meeting last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Larkin is from Upland and Mrs. Menard from Ontario.

Model Turkey Farms Progressing

Col. Gerald McMillen says construction of the Model Turkey Farm at Sun Valley is progressing rapidly and he expects to have this first one ready to receive poults in April .

Bob Kroes, will bring in the first of the co-operative poults about April 5th and it will be necessary to have the brooder houses in readiness to receive them.

Journal Coming Earlier in Week Hereafter

Beginning next issue the Journal will be published on Wednesday instead of Friday. There are two reasons for this change. The first is we have outgrown our customary eight pages and in order to be able to enlarge our paper we had to change days to suit our printers.

The other reason is that our advertisers like to advertise weekend specials and the Friday delivery did not give them a fair break, or the customers a chance to find out what was advertised in time. Another item is that everything seems to happen out here on the weekend and the news will be much fresher on Wednesday.

Hereafter, SUNDAY NOON of each week will be the absolute DEADLINE for advertising copy, and personal mention items.

Your JOSHUA JOURNAL will be in the mail on Wednesday next week. Hope you will like the new arrangement.

Springtime in the Desert

June Le Mert Paxton

In the desert the wild flowers are blooming
Turning sands into carpets fair;
Mornings are warm with sunshine;
At noontide winds stir the air.

In the desert the yuccas stand guarding
With daggers drawn ready to fight,
To protect the calmness of evening
And the long, restful peace of the night.

In the desert one finds a rich treasure,
A treasure greater than wealth;
He can not sell nor exchange it,
For lo, that treasure is health!

From the book Desert Peace and other poems.

The Joshuas Are In Bloom

Another Step Forward; New Ambulance

BY F. L. BIGGS, Chairman

On Thursday evening, March 13, 1947, the executive committee under whose juruisdiction the ambulance to be stationed in Joshua Tree will be operated, held its first meeting. At this meeting Howard Nelson, vice president of the Community Ambulance Association, Inc., stressed the importance of adhering strictly to the rules of the Association governing the use of the Ambulance as set forth in the following letter:

COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Twentynine Palms, Califrnia
March 10, 1947

Ambulance Association
Joshua Tree, California
Gentlemen:

We hand you herewith a set of theby-laws under which the Ambulance Association operated as a corporation.

In addition to these by-laws there are certain rules and regulations by which this ambulance MUST be operated, under no circumstances should there be a deviation from these regulations.

You will readily understand, after going over these papers, that by neglecting to follow the rules and

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Today is the 21st day of March, and according to the almanac the 21st of March is the beginning of spring, and the flowers are supposed to begin to lift up their heads and smile.

Out here on the desert the flowers do not always wait for the official day of spring to bring forth their blossoms. Already the desert is full of bloom.

Those lilies of the desert, the Joshua Trees are in bloom now in greater profusion than we have seen them in several years, and are at their prime right now.

If anyone is planning a trip to the desert and a tour of the Joshua Tree National Monument, the time is opportune. The weather is mild, the roads thru the Monu-

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New Resident Passes On

Mrs. E. C. Miller, passed away Saturday evening at 8:55 of Coronary Thrombosis.

The Millers had just recently purchased the Potts property on Park Boulevard and moved here for Mrs. Millers health.

Interment took place at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Sawtelle Veterans Cemetery, with full military honors.

It's a Fact – Three New Stores

Blanche Daly Terry spent a busy Sunday here making plans and arrangements for the improvement of her property on the hiway next to Crane's Building Supplies.

She is planing the erection of three stores on the lot.

Fire Destroys Shed

Fire, probably starting from spontaneous combustion, last Saturday afternoon partially destroyed a small shed in the rear of the home of C. A. Mitchell on Grand View.

The fire was extinguished by neighbors with garden hose. Nothing of particular value was stored in the shed.

SISTER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Ann Ruff, sister of Mrs. A. S. Wood passed away Monday, March 17, in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Wood left Tuesday evening to attend the funeral which was held Wednesday afternoon.

Plans for Turtle Races Taking Shape

The Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight, Friday, in a postponed regular meeting. The Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 for a short session before the regular meeting convenes at eight o'clock.

Holding a big place on the agenda for tonights meeting will be discussion of plans for the coming attraction, The Annual running of the Grand National Sweepstakes Turtle Races on May 4. The Sweepstakes are an annual event sponsored by the Chamber and this year plans are being made to make it a bigger and better attraction than ever. Last year the affair received national attention and many are the inquiries coming in now as to the date and for other information. At tonights meeting the General Manager of the races and the various committees will be named.

Another attraction tonight will be the appearance of "Miss Joshua

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Celebrate Silver Anniversary

By TOM KEENE

Back in August, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tootle filed on a 160 acre homestead in what was then designated as Coyote Valley. In October of that year they settled on the land.

Shortly thereafter Bob began the construction of a home, adding one addition after another as time went on, until today the residence stands out as one of the finest homes on the desert.

On March 12, Bob and Jamie Tootle celebrated their 25th wed-

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Social Club Party Big Success

By M. ROSELLA HESS

MORONGO VALLEY, March 20—That a good time was had by all, is putting it mildly, at the Bingo-Card party staged St. Patrick's night in Peloquin's new cafe adjoining the Morongo Inn by the Morongo

A large crowd was present and made merry from the beginning to the end. The main highlight of the party was when a good looking young couple dropped into the cafe for a sandwich and were invited to join in the fun. When ask her name the young lady confided that she was Mrs. Nels Sorenson of Pasadena, and that they were enroute home after spending a few days honeymoon in Twenty-nine Palms. The news spread and plans were formulated.

After the games, the bride and groom were introduced to the crowd and were presented with attractive "Irish" wedding cake by the Ladies club. Mrs. Opal Bobo and Mrs. Marion Weir each sang

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Ex-Governor of Idaho Likes Our Desert

Few people are aware that dwelling here in our midst is a quiet unassuming gentleman who has played a big hand in the politics of our country and who at one time had control of all our desert lands.

The name of that gentleman is C. C. Moore, ex-Governor of Idaho 1923-26; and later Commissioner of Public Lands under President Herbert Hoover.

Mr. Moore has extensive farming interests and lives at St. Anthony, Idaho. He came west from Missouri and settled in Idaho in 1899. He has always taken an active part in State and national politics. Was a delegate to the GOP National Convention that nominated Warren Harding, and later Mr. Moore accompanied President Harding on his western tour which resulted in his untimely death at San Francisco.

It was while Commissioner of Public Lands that Mr. Moore became interested in our desert, and he made frequent visits throughout the desert area of southern California during the building of the Hoover Dam.

Mr. Moore is quite positive in his belief that our desert is destined for a great future. He says "I know from my experience with official life in Washington, and extensive traveling thru the congested centers of the east and middle west that the people are concerned over health conditions and most of them are trying to get on the coast. I have not found any place in our country that is more favorable for all year living."

Mr. Moore came here with his son, January 27 this year, in the interest of his son's health, who is suffering from arthritis. If our climate proves beneficial, as they expect it will, they intend to buy property here, the son to make his home here while Mr. Moore senior will divide his time here with his interests in Idaho.

Joshua Tree C. of C.

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Tree" (Corinne King) who will tell of her experiences in the contest for Queen of the National Orange Show.

The membership committee has been active the past week and many new members have been added. With the number of new people moving here to reside the directors expect the membership roll to double in the next few months.

New members added this week are: J. L. Hatcher, V. R. Hayes, Builder; C. G. Griggs; Harold C. Hutchinson; Bill Forster; B. B. Wilds, Meat Market; Von V. Worthen, Riding Academy; Clarence J. Herbst, teacher, and elected by the board, Vice President to fill the existing vacancy; Malia and Thomas, Cement Products; L. W. Laughlin, Desert Steak House.

Good-bye Seattle

Verne and Leone (Mr. and Mrs.) Kavanagh came down from Seattle, Washington, to spend a vacation in Twentynine Palms They liked the desert so well they decided to stay and make Twentynine Palms their home.

The Kavanaghs have purchased Ben's Liquor Store and have made extensive improvements, enlarging the store, and stock of liquors to about three times the former size. They have illuminated the premises with flood lights all around and have installed a new extra capacity refrigerator, equipped with an extra motor so that when a customer asks for cold beer he will really get COLD BEER.

Silver Anniversary

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ding anniversary, a story relative to it appears elsewhere in the Journal.

The couple, popular throughout the valley, were the recipients of many fine remembrances from their friends, among which were an 88-piece Dirilyte set and many pieces of silver coins of the realm.

Sunday morning the Tootles served a regular old fashioned breakfast to neighbors and friends among whom were Mrs. Edna L. Reagan, Lucien L. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keene and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scott.

Sunday afternoon open house was held from 1 o'clock on. During the time many friends came to pay their respects and wish the couple many more years of happiness. Refreshments, consisting of cake, ice cream and coffee were served to all who came.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mesdames Warren Scott, Tom Keene, Stewart Gear, Bennie Oster, Joseph Lopez, J. W. Snider, M. J. LaHaye, E. H. Hoffman, Arthur Haynes, J. C. Chesler, O. J. Cones, Charles Mitchell, Leo Emig, Jerry Emig, Ann Emig, and Annabelle LaHaye. Mrs. Edna L. Reagan, Miss Cecelia E. Marr, the Misses Helen Nelson, E. Billington, Nena Goodwin, Messrs. Lucien L. Stockton, G. A. Armstrong, and Chester R. Bunker.

Ask Repeal of Full Crew Law

Sacramento, Calif., March 19,—Senator Clarence C. Ward, of Santa Barbara, Republican leader in the California Legislature, today predicted an early repeal of the archaic 1911 Full Crew Law which, he declared, is costing California shippers more than three million dollars per year in needless expense.

Masquerading as a "safety measure" when passed 36 years ago, Senator Ward pointed out that the present efficient operation of freight trains makes ridiculous any claimed need for arbitrary legislation demanding extra brakemen on California trains.

During the war, he said, the stringent regulations were relaxed and it was found that with fewer men, accidents attributable to human errors were actually reduced.

"The entire principle of 'make-work' legislation is wrong," Senator Ward declared. "This statute should be repealed at once since it is one of the most flagrant examples of out-moded legislation adding to costs in the face of mechanical progress.

"The installation of double tracks, power switches and a system of centralized train control has reduced both the brakeman's actual work and the number of men needed.

"But," he concluded, "so long as the railroads are required to operate under these wasteful methods, so long will they have to pass these excessive charges on to the public for payment."

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New Ambulance

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regulations the members of this corporation as well as the members individually and severally of the community would be liable for damages in the event of a suit.

1. In case of an automobile accident, should no Doctor be available to order the patient moved and to make hospital arrangements, a call should be placed immediately to the Motor Vehicle Department or the Sheriff's office in San Bernardino for an ambulance and medical aid.

2. Before an ambulance patient can be handled a Doctor must give his okay and make hospital reservations. This applies to all cases other than highway accidents.

3. Notice to ambulance drivers: Insurance held by the Ambulance Association definitely does not cover speeding or use of siren except when the vehicle is operated in an emergency. Such drivers violating this rule are liable to arrest and fine. It is definitely their own responsibility.

4. Fumigation. When the ambulance has been used to carry a patient with a contagious disease, before it can again be operated it must be cleaned, fumigated and serviced. During the period of fumigation display warning should be hung on the vehicle to avoid anyone being overcome by the formaldehyde fumes. Vehicle should be thoroughly aired before fumigation.

5. Important: All trips must be reported to Dave Poste, Twentynine Palms, giving information as to the driver, the patient and person accompanying as attendant, the hospital to which the patient is taken and the Doctor's name.

Supplementing the above definite rules we urge you to use good judgment at all times in sending out ambulance. It should not be used for a person who is able to sit up in a car to be transported to a doctor or hospital. We need not remind you that its absence from its point of operation on negligible cases destroys its value in emergency cases. Experience has proven that sometimes when the ambulance is out on an ordinary case, emergency call need has been made for it to handle serious emergency cases and long delay may cause death.

We trust we may have your complete cooperation for the benefit of everyone concerned at all times.

Cordially yours,

The executive committee consisting of F. L. Biggs, chairman, Miss Edith Parrish, in charge of ambulance attendants, Ray Reese, in charge of ambulance drivers, Joe Hoffman and Jack Crane, will endeavor to see that the ambulance serves the Morongo Basin in an efficient and business like manner. The committee wishes to stress the fact that under the law the ambulance cannot move except under a doctor's orders. It is earnestly requested that all people in the area to be served by the ambulance abide by the laws and thoroughly understand them. Only through the cooperation of the people can the ambulance be properly operated and be available and ready to respond when the call arises.

The date of arrival of the ambulance in Joshua Tree has not been definitely set as yet, however it is not too far distant.

Phil Ossifer Says

No human being has ever attained the highest degree of perfection—Remember that the next time you feel the urge to talk disrespectfully about a fellow creature.

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It dosen't make any difference who you are, who you think you are, or who you'd like to be, you are no better than anybody else.

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What this old world needs is a revival of 'love thy neighbor as thyself' instead of hating everybody. Nations hate nations, people hate people, the rich hate the poor, the poor hate the rich, nearly everybody hates everybody else.

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CURB YOUR CURIOSITY

California's magnificent beaches will be the playground again this year for tens of thousands of sun-worshiping families. A word of caution to them might not be amiss. Washington reports drifting mines, planted during the war, may wash up along the Pacific coast line. So if you should see a round iron object on the sand —curb your curiosity Notify the authorities and keep your distance. (Clipping)

We would suggest that all these sun-worshiping families come to the desert where they will find a superior brand of sunshine, the cleanest brand of sand in the world, sterilized daily with ultra-violt radiation from our sun, and absolute safety from wandering mines, treacherous undercurrents, and crowded beaches.

No fog, no smog, and a glorious tan guaranteed to all.

WHAT PRICE DEMOCRACY?

What is wrong with democracy? Absolutely nothing, according to Justice Douglas L. Edmonds of the California State Supreme Court.

Addressing the St. Louis Junior Chamber of Commerce, Justice Edmonds observed that men who damn the Government in all its functions are in reality condemning themselves for failure to assume a full measure of civic responsibility.

Convincingly, the eminent jurist pointed to the voting record for last November's Congressional election, in which approximately 55 per cent of the electorate failed to go to the polls. In the 55 per cent, he declared, democracy's severst critics undoubtedly will be found.

Justice Edmonds drew a significant analogy from the Book of Proverbs: "Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

Public apathy is the "drowsiness' that would clothe our democratic institutions in rags. There is nothing wrong with democracy that all of us who make up that democracy can't remedy by shouldering our share of freedom's responsibilities.

WORLD IN SUSPENSE

President Truman's forthright declaration on Greece brings America and Russia face to face as protagonists in a world-shaping drama whose finale no man can yet perceive.

Neither callous pessimism nor Pollyanic optimism is justified in assessing the consequences of the United States foreign policy of supplying money, materials and military skill to helpless nations threatened by Communist enslavement.

Certainly the decision to intervene with economic and military aid in Greece and Turkey could lead to war. Just as certainly it could influence Russia to sober reconsideration of an avowed policy of infiltration designed to establish eventual world domination through Communist dictatorship.

No nation valuing its freedom—least of all the United States —could afford to watch one small Nation after another surrender democratic independence to a totalitarian foreign power, simply because the small nations had no place to turn for defensive help.

The Truman declaration, then, is a realistic assessment of the world situation, coupled with a definite plan of action to meet that situation. Coming at a time when the Big Four are meeting in Moscow to write a peace treaty for Germany, it could have a profound effect on those deliberations.

If Russia decides to put the new United States foreign policy to a critical test, Germany could well become the major pawn of another great struggle for world power, with the peace treaty shaping its course.

The world is in suspense. It awaits the Moscow verdict on Germany, and Russia's reaction to this Nation's stand against Communism. Decisions, fateful for centuries, are in the making.

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Believes in Advertising

Milton M. Gair, Redlands merchant is an interesting gentleman who believes in advertising. He also has ideas of his own about advertising, and the success of those ideas is attested by the fact that his methods have attracted national attenion, and he is much in demand as a speaker to address groups, and conventions of professional advertising men, and his advertising has been cited and written up in numerous national magazines.

Gair's, is just as interesting store as its owner is interesting. One of the most attractive places in Redlands it is well stocked with well known advertised brands of men's clothing and other merchandise.

Mr. Gair in placing his ad which appears in this issue of the Journal said he thought people should patronize the merchants of their own town if they can get what they want, but if not available at home, his store would be more than glad to serve them either by mail or in person whenever they are in Redlands.

Mrs. Paxton To Autograph Her Book

June LeMert Paxton is going to be at the Barbara Page Gift Shop in Twentynine Palms from two to five o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, March 26 to autograph her book DESERT PEACE and Other Poems, for purchasers.

Then on Thursday, March 27th, Mrs. Paxton will be at The Gift Box in Joshua Tree during the same hours.

This will be a rare opportunity to meet the author of DESERT PEACE and OTHER POEMS. Mrs. Paxton, herself a long time resident of the desert has a most charming way of picturing in verse the peace and beauty of the desert, always using the common-place as her theme and injecting her "Lowly Philosophy" in such a way that the reader cannot help getting a spiritual up-lift.

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From the Shades of The Juniper Tree

By CALEDFFRWD

We hear almost every day the word "Communism," it comes from the Capital to the smallest village—it is heard on the street, the high school children use it more or less, with reference to what they do not like.

It is not an American word, but may I suggest that it is not the way of life in this wonderful country of Democracy; yet sad but very true, this ugly word is an indictment against the American Home; it is something akin to hatred; and does not blend with Love. Parents attention' take few moments to sit down beside your children, teach the meaning of real Americanism, the land of the Free the Home of the Brave—it is only a coward that bites the hand that feeds him.

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Reading the front page St. Patrick—in the Journal sent me roaming to the pages of ancient history, there to find that the so-called St. Patrick was not an Irishman at all, but a Welsh boy that was kidnaped and taken to Ireland—yes he was good man—and his life was such that every Irishman could well afford to follow, also every other kind of man could do the same.

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Did you ever see that wonderful lady, "The Goddess of Liberty" well if you really got a close view of her wonderful pose, do you remember what was inscribed on its side, this wonderful gift of France to America, for the benefit of the school chilren let me ask them to commit it to memory: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free. The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

So America was made-out of these teeming masses that have come to our shores, they found welcome—freedom—love of home —no cast of creed and color—opportunities to go as far as they desired—as high as their minds gave them impetus to reach for the very highest place in the world of Humanity. Keep that light aloft boys and girls of America—then there will be no danger from within and positively none from without. "The land of the free—yes and the Home of the Brave." It is yours pledge your all to give it the service of your soul and mind and heart.

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On the trail the other day, just along its edges, there was a tall plant and on the end of same, we found the flowers about half an inch long, with a yellowish white corolla, when they ripen they form a cluster of pods—this is a plant of the pea family, and grows everywhere in our State. Its Botanical name rather long is "Astragalus Pomonensis" but do not let that scare you—to you of every day variety of life it is known as Loco-weed—attleweed—milk-vetch and many other names in different locality. The word Loco means crazy, because it is poisonous to horses and cattle. There is another weed being used in many communities today by the young girls and boys, that eventually will become a sort of Loco—as it seems they must smoke one or burn one end every so many seconds—It would be far better to look over the burning questions of the day—than the ashes spilt on the carpet.

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Weeds are plants growing in the wrong places—wherever you find such you should learn the lesson that flowers will grow better when you dig the weed and give an opportunity for beauty and fragrance in place of obnoxious weeds—try and plant a flower garden this Spring—even if it is only in a flower pot —you will be repaid a thousand times over—yes perhaps Old Man Shakespeare was right when he said: "A rose would smell as sweet by any other name" but would be a rose?

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Easter is nearly with us, the slogan everywhere this year is "Attend Church this Easter Sunday." Not a bad slogan at any time. New bonnet, new shoes, new dress — new vision—new thoughts and new hearts—that's real Easter.

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The Surprise Was On the Tootles

By PHYLLIS LEDESMA

A very successful party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tootle March 12, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The surprise party was sponsored by Mrs. Celesta Hollinger who was not able to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tootle, well-known here on the desert, were married in Detroit, Michigan, March 12, 1922. Soon after, they came to California and homesteaded the land where they now live. The newcomers to the desert who were at the party were shown around their beautiful home Wednesday night and were very surprised to know that the entire house was built with their own hands over a period of years.

Present at the party were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coberly and Mrs. Elizabeth Billington, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCune of Los Angeles; Messrs. and Mesdames Joe Lopez, George Ledesma and son Dean and daughter, Phyllis, Leo Emig, John Snider, M. J. LaMaye, Edna L. Reagan, Robert Kroes and Lucien Stockton, of Sun Valley; J. J. Wright, J. Chesler, and Gabrielle Rorschack, of Joshua Tree; Doc Ater, Antelope Canyon; Fred Saunders, Yucca Valley; O. J. Cones, Twentynine Palms; Cecilia Marr, South Gate and Mrs. Ada Schewick.

Bingo Party

The American Legion is having another one of their popular Bingo Parties at the Legion Hall next Friday March 28.

The games are fast with plenty of action, seats for everybody and a good time assured.

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The money derived from these bingo parties is to be used to finish the inside of the building.

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The money is being used to equip the American Legion recreation field for night baseball. Bleachers are to be erected, bases to be bought, lights installed and a host of other things that is going to take more than $2000. Now who wouldn't trade a few measley cartwheels for that JEEP (the driver don't go,) even if you don't prove the lucky one, when the money is going to be spent to provide us with a playground that can be used at night for other games when the Softball league is not using it.

Jeepers — that JEEP is no Creeper.

Flying News From 'K' Field

Ray Parker made the second cross-country soaring flight of the year last Monday. He soared to Indio from "K" Field on a flight that lasted 1:05 and reached an altitude of 10,500 ft. It all started when Betty Jo Prince, a power pilot, thought she would like to try a little soaring. The day was good and the wind right for Indio so up they went. The thermals were going up at 300 and 400 ft. per minute and the sailplain was soon sitting on top. A few such thermals and they were across the Monument and above Indio at 700 ft. The flight could have gone further except for the time involved in getting back, before dark.

Kalman Saufnaur and George Taft arrived last week-end with their newly licensed Schweizer sailplane. They spent the week-end making practice flights for the coming contest. Local pilots; Frank Bower, Dick Sullivan, Bill Miesten, Dewey Below and Mac McDowell exercised the Piper Cub last week.

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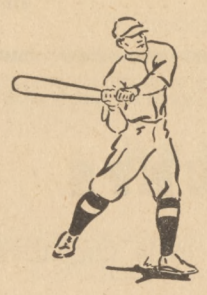

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29 Palms Hiway Improvement

Sacramento, Calif., March 19,—(WNS) — The State Allocations Board today granted the County of San Bernardino $10,381 for improvements on the Twentynine Palms Highway.

This was announced by Herbert Jaqueth, who said the Board considered the request, which stated the total improvement would amount to $20,763. The county will pay the remaining share of the expenditure.

The money, said Jaqueth, who is head of the Division of Allocations, State Department of Finance, will come from the ninety million dollar "Christmas Tree" fund voted by the legislature in 1946.

Unemployment Insurance Figures For County

Sacramento, March 12,—(WNS) —Here are the unemployment insurance figures for San Bernardino County, covering the week ending March 6, as reported by the California Department of Emplayment:

Claims filed 7824.
Claims paid 3378.
New Claimants 589
New veteran claims filed 283.
Veterans paid 2970.

For the entire State, a total of 301,440 unemployment insurance claims were filed, and 154,420 were paid. New claimants totaled 27,-298; new veteran claims, 9,983 and veterans paid, 86,404.

For the week ending March 1, the Department paid $2,973,264 to unemployed workers in California.

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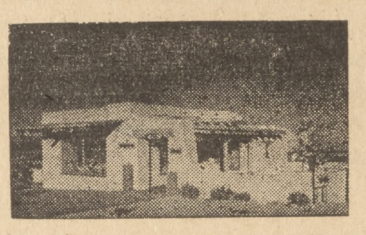

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Sunday School in Joshua Tree Community Chapel at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Also Adult class. Mrs. M. K. Lee, Superintendent.

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Church Corner

By ANTOINETTE KIRCH

Dr. Williams read from the 16th Chapter of St. Luke. The sermon was based on the 10th verse, "Taking Care of the Little Things of Life."

Dr. A. J. Hughes, District Superintendent visited us Sunday morning. He was pleased with the progress we are making.

Everyone is cordially invited to our first Easter Sunrise Service. This service is for the entire valley and we will have special vocal and instrumental music and a splendid sermon.

At 11 o'clock there will be a special Easter service at the Chapel.

Anyone wishing to put a memorial plant of flowers on the altar can bring the plant to the Community Building the day before Easter. These plants can be taken home again or will be distributed to shut-ins or invalids. This is a lovely way to remember our loved ones and will make our altar beautiful for this special service.

Come to church Sunday.

Good Soaring Weather

Ray Parker in a pre - contest warmup made a soaring flight from "K" Field to Indio Monday afternoon.

The flight lasted one hour and five minutes and he reached an altitude of 10,500 feet. He arrived over Indio at 7000 feet and enjoyed looking over the Coachella Valley while sliding down.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirch and their guest Mrs. A. M. Ball spent Monday visiting the Orange Show in San Bernardino.

Political Parade

By CLEM WHITAKER

California lawmakers, both in Congress and in the State Legislature, appear destined to play leading roles in the momentous and dramatic fight now forming to outlaw the Communist Party in the United States.

Leading off in Washington, Congressman Harry R. Sheppard of San Bernardino County is author of one of the two bills which would ban the party as "an organization that advises, advocates force and violence of the Government of the United States."

Another California representative, Congressman Richard M. Nixon of Whittier, is head of the special sub-committee of the House Committee on un-American activities which will soon start public hearings on the bills.

Co-incident with the beginning of the battle in the National capital, Senator Jack Tenney of Los Angeles, chairman of the Legislature's Committee on un-American Activities, is readying a report which contains charges that California has becime one of the worst hot-beds of Communist activity in the United States—and that the No. 1 objective of subversive groups at this time is to capture control of moving picture production in Hollywood.

Senator Tenney, in addition to the official report of his fact-finding committee, is also bringing out an 800-page book, entitled "Red Fascism," which will include a comprehensive compilation of State and Federal reports on Communist infiltratioin , and which will contain a great deal of explosive material involving State and national leaders affiliated with the Red movement.

Quoting from Federal reports, Senator Tenney makes the flat charge in one section of his book that A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, is "associated with 17 established Communist front organizatinos." Whitney was one of the leaders in the short-lived, Nation-wide railroad strike last year.

Also actively associated with Communist front organizations, Senator Tenney charges in his official report, is Herbert K. Sorrell, president of the Hollywood Conference of Studio Unions who recently figured in headlines when he reported that he had been kidnapped and beaten up.

California, said Tenney, shares with New York the unenviable distinction of being one of the worst Communist-infested States in the Union—"and it's about time we cracked down on the enemies of our country."

AT "THE JOSHUAS"

June Lemert Paxton and Guy Ohlen entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gross and Chas. E. Black from Hollywood, Sunday.

Mr. Black says he is retired and Mr. Gross, who is proprietor of a Hollywood meat maket says he is tired, but when he retires he is coming to the desert to do it.

30-Day Trail Ride

The Von Worthen Riding Academy here, and the Lucky 29 Stables in Twentynine Palms are organizing a thirty-day trail ride to begin May 3 right after the big Pioneer Day parade in which their riders will participate.

The two stables have made application for permits to establish 9 camps at various points in the Joshua Tree National Monument and while it is a 30 day ride it will be operated in weekly heats. No guests will be signed for less than a week and according to Von Worthen there will be 50 guests in each division.

The ride will be conducted on strictly western trail style. A chuck wagon will be on hand at meal time and at the night stops there will be good old fashioned cowboy entertainment, before turning in, in the sleeping bags which each guest is expected to furnish.

All riders will be protected with liability insurance, and the stables are using every means to guarantee the riders safety and insure a good time.

They are publishing a very attractive brochure and log of the trip that will be available for distribution in about a week.

ROAD CONTRACT LET

Sacremento, March 14,-(WNS)-A contract for $65,237 was awarded today to Authur A. Johnson, Laguna Beach, by State Director of Public Works C. H. Purcell, for the following highway project:

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beautiful and appropriate songs to the young couple, followed by a hair raising, ear deafening charivari, lead by H. M. Hess, Kenneth Fobes and Al Livingstone. Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson thanked everyone for the grand time they had and climbed into their car. As they started out they no doubt, were stunned by the sudden and terrific noise under their car, as two old tubs wired securely under it drug along the pavement creating considerable fireworks as they drove down the hill out of sight. They must have taken them along for souvenirs as they were nowhere to be found along the highway the next morning.

Miss Dorla Mae Bobo, as "Miss Morongo Valley" was introduced by the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. D. F. Geil and presented with a cake. Mr. Geil announced the next Saturday at the San Bernardino Orange Show, would be Morongo Day when Miss Bobo will reign as Queen of the show. He urged all who could to attend. The name "Morongo Valley" pinned to your coat lapel might do some good in advertising our valley.

As a delightful surprise, Mrs. Rosella Hess, who arrived on this good earth the day St. Patrick chased the snakes out of Ireland, was presented with a ligthed birthday cake and two pretty little hand painted pictures given by the club. Mrs. Gladys Ulrich, the artist present, shows promise along that line. Mrs. Cyril Millington, whose birthday arrived on March 16th, assisted Mrs. Hess with her wish and in blowing out the candles. All sang "Happy Birthday."

Several Guests were present from Yucca Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tesler of Arlington, California, have sold 10 acres in the Hess Subdivision to Mrs. Frances L. Ward of Monterey Park.

The Teslers still have 10 acres on which they plan to build a home.

Axel Rosball has sold his residence and 1 1-2 acres adjoining to Mr. and Mrs. Renfro of Pasadena, who have aleady moved to Morongo Valley and are improving the place by planting trees and flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Peloquin of the Morongo Inn Cafe purchased the Walling home this week and plan to reside there

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Miss Almira Sessions, movie actress of Hollywood, has purchased the W. T. Riley business property across from the Morongo Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Terp are drilling a well on their acreage adjoining the Hitching Post. Pearl Bond has the contract.

MRS. ARNOLD RETURNS FROM MEXICO

Mrs. B. F. Arnold returned home Friday from Mexico City where she has been vacationing with relatives for the past month. Mrs. Arnold said she is glad to be back in the land of Paradise.

While in Mexico City Mrs. Arnold did some shopping for novelties for their store.

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Sun Valley News

Mr and Mrs. John Smith and Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson of La Cresenta were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs Leo Emig at Sun Valley over the week-end.

They were all neighbors in La Cresenta, and the visitors are very much interested in the desert.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dellsite of Yucaipa were Sunday visitors at the A. W. Wallace home.

Mr. Dellsite, who is a retired contractor has a mountain lodge near Yuciapa and is a nephew of Mrs. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Clifford and son Richard from Venice, and a cousin of Mrs. Clifford, James Hay, from Vancouver, B. C. were in town Sunday.

Mr. Clifford, who is the owner of the buildings occupied by Woody's Emporium and the Joshua Tree Electric Company, says he is going ahead with plans to erect some more buildings on his property. The original plans called for an arcade type of arrangement and Mr. Clifford says he will carry out the plan.

Mr. and Mrs.Harry Miller of Culver City were here Sunday looking our town over.

They were very enthusiastic over Joshua Tree and spoke favorably of acquiring some property and perhaps eventually locating here.

205 Disability Claims Paid

Sacramento, March 14,—(WNS)—The California Department of Employment paid $7648 in disability for the week ending February 28 out of its San Bernardino office, which serves San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, H. M. Wilson, State Disability Insurance Chief, announced today.

The insurance was paid to 205 claimants, who certified to 402 weeks of disability.

Wilson said the week's total payments for the State were $333,252, paid to 8592 claimants who certified to 17,685 weeks of disability. Claims for this type of insurance are received by mail, and two or more weeks of disability may be paid in one check.

181,000 QUEENS LEAVE CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Calif., March 19,—(WNS)—California's package bee shipments for 1946 were estimated at 238,000 pounds by the California crop and livestock reporting service, an increase of three per cent over the previous year.

California producers, the service said, shipped nearly one fifth of the national total of bee shipments. Nearly half the 1946 shipments were made in three-pound packages.

Queen shipments from California last year were estimated at 181,000 queens, about 15 per cent over the 1945 total.

CALIFORNIA HANGS UP MILK RECORD IN 1946

Sacramento, March 17,—(WNS)—California had a record milk year in 1946, the California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service announced today, with nearly six billion pounds of milk and more than 212 million pounds of milk fat produced.

This production exceeded 1945 by 146 million pounds, the report said, and production per cow was estimated at 7,110 pounds, highest record of any state in the union.

Farm value of milk and cream during the year was estimated at $150,000,000, the service reported.

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Interesting Callers At Journal Office

We're entertaining the notion of hanging out our shingle, VISITORS BUREAU, here at the Journal office. This past week we have had visits from some mighty interesting callers.

First we had George B. Hale, who is Superintendent of the Mails at the Culver City postoffice and his friend Wm. H. Claussen, Studio Policeman at the Hal Roach Studios in Culver City. Claussen owns 10 acres one mile east and a mile north of town, which he saw for the first time Monday. He said he was well pleased and plans to do something with it besides sell it. Gale had to shout a little about the growth of Culver City, but we told him he ought to stick around here awhile if he wanted to see a town grow.

Then we had a charming young lady, Alice Watson from L. A. who is an ex-WAC. She is now in the auditing department of Sears Roebuck and Company, but has some interesting ambitions.

In addition to her duties with the mail order house she is editing a mimeograph magazine in the interest of the ex and present WAC's. Her ambition is to acquire a home here in Joshua Tree and set up and publish her magazine here on a national basis. The name of her Magazine is the WAC News. She stopped at the Desertaire Lodge while here.

While rushing to meet our deadline yesterday we had two enthusiastic young men, V. G. Watts, Hawthorne, and L. W. Keaster, Lennox, who drove up in a brand new post-war French edition of an automobile named Simca. Cute as some of those French maidens we hear the vets talk about. Messrs. Watts and Keaster are insurance men who want to get out of the smog to open their general insurance business. They liked the looks of our town, which they had heard a lot about, and promised to be back here next week for an extended stay. Hope they do, we need men like them, and lest I forget, girls like that ex-WAC, here in our town.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion meets second Thursday in each month. Place to be announced by publicity representative.

American Legion meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the New American Legion Hall.

Woman's Club meets 3rd Friday of each month at 2 o'clock at the Community Hall.

Community Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday evening at the Community Building.

Joshua PTA meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Community Hall.

Dance every Saturday Night sponsored by the Community Service Club of Yucca Valley.

Second Annual Running of the Grand National Sweepstakes, Turtle Races, Sunday, May 4th. Better purses, more Turtles, fun, action, thrills. Don't miss this event.

The Joshua Trees Are in Bloom

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ment are perfect, thanks to a hard working crew from the office of the Custodian in Twentynine Palms. On a trip thru the monument this week we found the Joshuas almost all in bloom. We counted as many as twenty-six blooms on a single tree, and hundreds of the "baby" Joshuas are in bloom for the first time.

An interesting trip which could be made to consume most of a very pleasant day and get you home ready for a good night's sleep would be to enter the Monument thru the Joshua Tree entrance, take in the Hidden Valley, and the Wonderland of Rocks, (they are all wonderful and weird) to the junction of the Twentynine Palms road. Here a side trip to Key's View would repay you well because of the magnificent panorama over the Coachella Valley. Returning to the junction you would continue on thru the Joshua Tree forest and into the Pinto Basin. Here a surprise awaits you if you have not been there in over a year. The Custodian's road crew has done away with the tortuous road that followed the wash thru the basin and in its place is as near a perfect two car dirt hiway as we have ever seen. Our hat is off to the boys who built that road. Somewhere along that road you will come to a sign that points to Cottonwood Spring. Go over there by all means. There you will find the cutest little oasis you ever saw, with running water ('neverything.) Continuing on down the Basin you will pass thru a veritable forest of Golden Cholla, a riot of color from the pods of last years blooms and this years blossoms just ready to break out. It's beautiful. Space won't permit me to describe all you will see, but eventually on this trip you will come out on Highway 60 about half way between Desert Center and Indio.

An alternate trip if you can't spend a whole day, would be to enter the Monument by the same gateway but instead of going out thru Pinto Basin, make your exit thru the Twentynine Palms Gateway. When you break thru the canyon, the panorama overlooking Twentynine Palms is breath-taking in its grandeur.

Spring is here, the desert is always beautiful, but now it is at its best. Enjoy it.

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